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AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES FOR EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS IN NORTH- EAST
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Memorandum of Understanding have lately been signed with Foreign Oil Companies for exploration of oil and gas in the North-East ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some areas and oil fields are still unexplored ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore;

(e) the terms of the understandings and the areas allocated for exploration; and

(f) the total production of oil and gas achieved from these explorations work ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) regime, Government of India has contracted 25 exploration blocks/fields through open international bidding in North Eastern States to Indian Pvt. Companies/National Oil Companies and Foreign Companies. Out of 25 blocks, in 12 blocks, 9 Foreign Companies are consortium partners.

(c) & (d) Yes sir. Offering of acreages for exploration is an on-going process.

(e) The terms of contracts are as per Production Sharing Contracts under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and Pre-NELP.

(f) Under the PSC regime, 1100 barrels of oil per day (bopd) and 0.013 MMSCMD of Natural Gas are produced from Kharsang field in Arunachal Pradesh. In addition, 180 bopd of oil and 0.056 MMSCMD of natural gas are produced from Amguri field in Assam.